



**State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

Notice of Preparation

To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Interested Individuals
Subject: Program Environmental Impact Report for the **Old Sacramento State Historic Park General Plan**

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is the lead agency for the preparation of a General Plan (GP) and associated Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Old Sacramento State Historic Park (OSSHP). DPR has prepared this Notice of Preparation (NOP) pursuant to Section 15082 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. We would like to know the views of interested individuals, organizations, and agencies regarding the scope of the project and potential environmental impacts to be included and analyzed in the Program EIR. Agencies should comment on the elements of potential environmental effects that are relevant to their statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project.

Responses to this NOP

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, responses must be submitted to the address provided below **no later than 30 calendar days** after this notice is filed with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research/State Clearinghouse (September 22, 2010). Please send your written responses, including the name of a contact person to:

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PROJECT TITLE

Old Sacramento State Historic Park General Plan

PROJECT LOCATION

The regional location of OSSHP is shown in Exhibit 1. The OSSHP planning area consists of approximately 13.8 acres of property owned or leased by DPR in Old Sacramento. The OSSHP Planning area is located along the east bank of the Sacramento River in the City of Sacramento. The planning area encompasses the California State Railroad Museum and several historic buildings in Old Sacramento including the Big Four Building, Dingley Spice and Coffee Mill, Eagle Theatre, B. F. Hastings Building which currently houses the OSSHP visitor center, the Tehama Building, the Mc Dowell Building, and the large grassy area at the corner

of I Street and Front Street, which is referred to as the 1849 Scene. In addition, DPR leases the land housing the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot and Market. The planning area also includes an approximately 17 mile long historic railroad line and associated ROW that extend south from OSSHP along the east bank of the Sacramento River, through Land Park and south Sacramento County, to the small community of Hood in the Delta, and lands leased from the Railyards project which will house the future Railroad Technology Museum.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

DPR is developing the OSSHP General Plan in accordance with Public Resources Code §5002.2 referencing General Plan guidelines and §21000 et seq. concerning the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Consistent with the Public Resources Code, the purpose of the General Plan is to evaluate and define proposed land uses, facilities, concessions, operation of the unit, management of resources, and any environmental impacts resulting from implementation of the General Plan. The General Plan will serve as the guide for future development, management and operation of the OSSHP planning area.

The Draft Program EIR for the OSSHP General Plan will address the full range of planning issues, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Land use;
- Protection and long-term management of sensitive resources;
- Location adjacent to the Sacramento River;
- Circulation, transportation, and parking;
- Visitation;
- Recreation opportunities;
- Public programs/interpretive opportunities;
- Safety and Security.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The Draft Program EIR will evaluate the potential environmental effects resulting from implementation of the proposed General Plan. Potential environmental effects that are anticipated to be addressed in the EIR include the following:

- Aesthetics;
- Air Quality/greenhouse gases;
- Biological resources;
- Cultural and historic resources;
- Land use;
- Traffic, circulation and parking;
- Noise;
- Utilities and public services;
- Security and public safety;
- Water quality.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC AND AGENCY PARTICIPATION RELATED TO THIS NOP

Scoping Meeting

A planning workshop/Program EIR scoping meeting has been scheduled to provide additional information about the proposed project and to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on the scope and potential environmental effects of the project. The scoping meeting will be held at the following time and location:

Wednesday, October 6, 2010
5:30 pm
Stanford Gallery, Old Sacramento State Historic Park
111 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Additional information about the planning process may also be found on the following website:

www.parks.ca.gov/osshpgenplan

INTENDED USES OF THE PROGRAM EIR

DPR and the State Park and Recreation Commission will use the Program EIR component of the General Plan to consider potential environmental effects, mitigation measures, and alternatives during the General Plan process. The Program EIR will serve as the State's CEQA compliance document for adoption of the General Plan and will serve as the program environmental document for implementing future actions included in the General Plan.

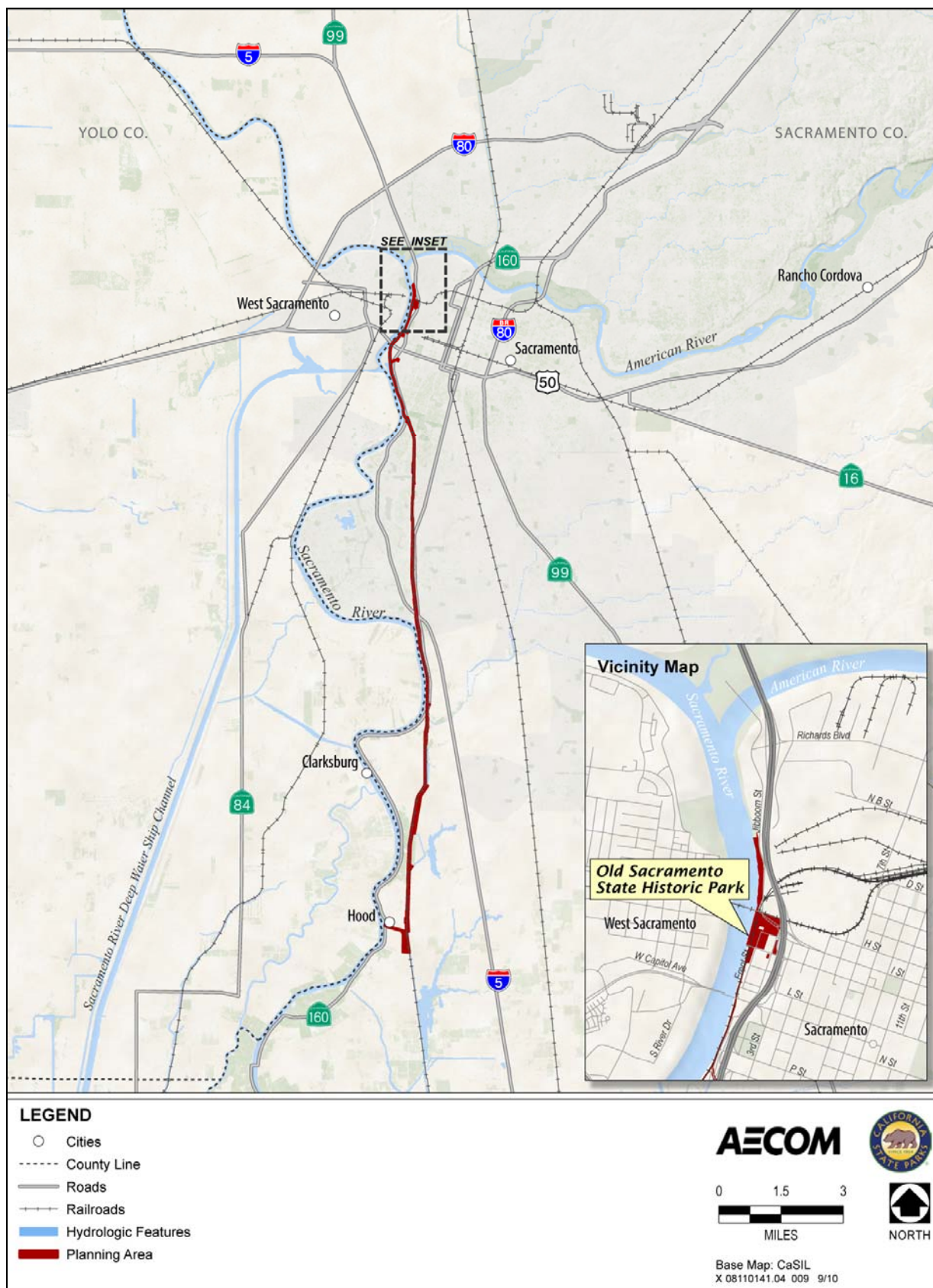
By: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: September 22, 2010

Attachment: Exhibit 1: Regional Location of Old Sacramento State Historic Park and 17 mile right-of-way.



Source: City of West Sacramento 2009

Regional Location of Old Sacramento State Historic Park and ROW

Exhibit 1